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Streamlining the work of the Committee on
Non-Governmental Organizations

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations agrees to do its utmost to use its time efficiently, expedite its work and streamline its working methods so as to enable it to complete its work within the time allotted.

In order to reduce the time necessary to consider each application, the Committee hereby agrees that the following procedures will apply for its consideration of applications:

(a) No application will be distributed to Committee members until it is complete and all missing information has been supplied by the organization at the request of the Secretariat;

(b) Once deemed complete by the Secretariat, applications will be distributed no less than four months before the Committee session. After consulting the Bureau of the Committee, the Secretariat is requested to withhold from consideration any application which does not appear to be complete;

(c) Committee members agree to review applications and submit any additional questions to the Secretariat no less than 60 days before the session so that the Secretariat can obtain the required answers and distribute them to members no less than 30 days before the session;

(d) Committee members reserve the right to address additional questions to applicants during the session. It is envisaged, however, that the vast majority of applications will be adopted without discussion.

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